
Minutes
Workshop Meeting
March 23, 2016

Present: Mayor Kenneth Neilson, Council Members Troy Belliston, Kolene Granger, Garth Nisson, Thad Seegmiller, City Manager Roger Carter, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, Deputy Recorder Tara Pentz, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Community Development Director Drew Ellerman, Leisure Services Director Barry Blake, Audience: Charles Adair, Colleen Adair, Ken Walker, Sharlotte Write, Nathan Baker, Roy Barker, Dan Butler, Kevin Jenkins, Allen Hardman, Julianne Hardman, Sandra Walker, Donald Waret, Robert Willard, Karren Willard, Glen Carnahan, Bryan Dyer, Nel Ashcraft

Excused: Council Member Jeff Turek

Meeting commenced at 5:00 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Council Member Seegmiller made a motion to approve the agenda hearing Item 3 prior to Item 2. Council Member Belliston seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

*Council Member Belliston Aye
Council Member Granger Aye
Council Member Nisson Aye
Council Member Seegmiller Aye*

2. Presentation of the Days of 47 events by the Osmond Group. Rick Neilson, Days of 47 Dixie

Removed

3. Discussion and update review of school in Washington City. Craig Hammer, Exec. Director for Education / Physical Facilities

Craig Hammer reviewed the proposed School District site located in the Washington Fields Area.

*see attached site plan

Mr. Hammer explained the new school boundaries have not been addressed. They will not be

determined until one year before completion of the school. They anticipate the high school will be completed in time to be open by the Fall of 2019. There is a portion of land still owned by the School District. It may be used for the Intermediate School, and the remaining portion of land would be sold. The Majestic View Elementary has started construction, and should be open one year from this fall.

Council Member Seegmiller stated he is excited about this new high school. As an alum of Pine View, it is always great to get new schools in the area, and new school rivalries. He would like to ask if there is a possibility to have a discussion with the board about a school being located near an off ramp.

Mr. Hammer stated he would talk with the board, and see about getting the Washington City Council on a schedule for a meeting to discuss options. In addition, he would like to thank the Washington City Staff, for all of their help with moving forward with this large school project. He understands schools are a concern for residents, and he realizes there are many individuals in the audience tonight who are worried about their homes being affected. He discussed programs for the high schools, and making sure all of the schools have equal opportunities, so we do not have certain areas where programs are not the same.

Council Member Granger asked if Washington Elementary is the oldest school in the area.

Mr. Hammer stated after they close East Elementary, it is nearly one of the oldest.

Council Member Granger asked if there is a possibility of closing the school and building a new one somewhere else.

Mr. Hammer stated there is already a new Elementary site in Sienna Hills. However, he does not know what the future plans would be for the Washington Elementary.

Council Member Seegmiller clarified the ingress and egress on the High School.

Mr. Hammer reviewed the parking and drive accesses on the site plan. They have spent months looking at different designs in the hopes to not disturb the surrounding neighborhoods.

Council Member Seegmiller asked if the School District is aware of any Charter Schools being planned for this area.

Mr. Hammer stated he is not aware of any other than the St. George Academy currently being built out in Washington Fields. There are many unintended consequences involved in charter schools, which are becoming more prominent.

Council Member Nisson asked if there are any soil issues on this school site.

Mr. Hammer stated the biggest issue they have is to make everything drain, because the elevation is so flat. Otherwise, there have not had any soil issues. As soon as artist renderings are available he will make sure the City Council is given a copy.

Sharlotte Wride stated she lives in Treasure Valley. Asked when the school will be in operation.

Council Member Seegmiller stated the middle school will open in the fall of 2018 and the high school will be the fall of 2019.

Ms. Wride stated they are concerned about excavation and building traffic because the only safe way to the site is 20 East. There is still a section of this road, which is only half built. They are also concerned about parking in the neighborhoods during sporting events.

Council Member Belliston asked if Mr. Hammer has addressed this issue at all, because the road is in St. George City.

Ms. Wride stated the school has told them they do not have jurisdiction over the roads.

Council Member Seegmiller stated the school district does not have jurisdiction over roads, but the municipalities do not have jurisdiction over schools. The challenge with this area is the boundary on part of this property is St. George City.

Ms. Wride stated their biggest concern is the excavation and construction traffic.

Council Member Belliston stated with the excavation, once the equipment is on site, it generally stays there.

Council Member Seegmiller asked if they have a suggestion to resolve the traffic issue.

Ms. Wride stated if a road could be built to the south where there are fewer homes, and if 2000 South in St. George could be completed. They are also concerned about the traffic when the school is completed.

Mayor Neilson asked if the road is located in the County.

Public Works Director Mike Shaw stated the road being shown on the map is located in the County, and beyond this area is St. George City.

Ms. Wride asked if they should talk to the County.

Council Member Seegmiller stated the property is owned privately, and we cannot force someone to annex into Washington City to improve the road.

Public Works Director Shaw explained 20 East and 4200 South are master planned as a 66 foot right of ways. However, they are not built out at this time.

Ken Walker asked the requirements for Fire and Safety.

City Manager Roger Carter stated Station 62 is located on Washington Dam Road, and well within response time.

Mr. Walker stated they are concerned about the safety of their children, and would like Washington City to put pressure on whoever they can to make sure they have proper access. They would also like to put up no school parking along the street.

Council Member Belliston stated he appreciates the parking issues at schools. He lived in Desert Hills for several years, and parking is definitely an issue.

Nathan Baker stated they are concerned about the storm water. He would hope there is some way to take the neighborhood into consideration. He would like to know if there is a way to post enforceable signage for no school related parking within the subdivision.

Public Works Director Shaw stated the school district paid for a portion of the large storm drain project, which went to through this area last year.

Bob Willard stated he lives on 2000 South in St. George and the road is not adequate. He would propose the Council working with St. George City.

Council Member Belliston stated he agrees the road was probably not designed to be an arterial road.

Charles Adair stated they are concerned about the safety on 2450 as it is an unimproved road. They are also concerned about 4200 South, and using these roads during construction. The main access into the school campus on 20 East is right through the neighborhood. They are concerned about children crossing the streets during the construction period. If there could be some way to open access during the construction phase. There are some unimproved farm roads, which could possibly improved enough to construction the schools.

Diane Walker stated she would like to school to consider using their additional piece property to create an additional access for construction.

4. Adjournment

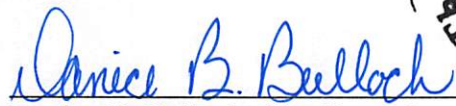
Council Member Seegmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Granger seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

Council Member Belliston Aye
Council Member Granger Aye
Council Member Nisson Aye
Council Member Seegmiller Aye

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 P.M.

Passed and approved this 13th day of April, 2016.

Attest by:


Danice B. Bulloch, City Recorder



Washington City


Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor

